Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
01/07/2019	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	☐	☑

Incident Information

URN: 016-00618-1121-055

Date: 01/12/2016 **Time:** 1745 hours

City or Station: Lancaster Station

Nature of Incident: OSS Detective's [redacted] and Keeling shot Suspect James when he pointed what appeared to be a handgun at them.

Location: [redacted] West Avenue H-14
Lancaster, CA 93534

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☑ Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☐ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☑ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 13

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Aero Unit? ☑ **Canine Unit?** ☑

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**
Last Name		**First Name**		**M.I.**
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**
Last Name		**First Name**		**M.I.**
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Bergo	Christopher		☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Owen	Steve		☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Bowser	Troy	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Diez	Justin	

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted] Last Name Keeling First Name Christopher M.I. D.

Sex: M Race: B | Rank: Detective, B-1 | Unit Assignment: OSS | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Lancaster Station 110G3

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used: None

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☑

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8 | Duty Time (hrs): [redacted] | Clothing (*circle only one*): ☑ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: [redacted] Height: 5'10" Weight: 250

Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: [redacted] | Laser Training Date: [redacted]

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [redacted] | Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] | Directed Force: [redacted]

Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson Caliber 9mm # Shots 6 | Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I. [redacted]

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I. [redacted]

E 2

Employee # [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I. [redacted]

Sex: [redacted] Race: [redacted] | Rank: [redacted] | Unit Assignment: [redacted] | Work Assignment: [redacted]

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used: None

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☑

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8 | Duty Time (hrs): [redacted] | Clothing (*circle only one*): ☑ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: [redacted] Height: 6'01" Weight: 230

Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: [redacted] | Laser Training Date: [redacted]

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [redacted] | Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] | Directed Force: [redacted]

Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson Caliber 9mm # Shots 7 | Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I. [redacted]

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] M.I. [redacted]

E

Employee # Last Name First Name M.I.

Sex: Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☐

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Age: Height: Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? ☐ | Patrol Certification? ☐ | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? ☐ | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: ☐

Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots | Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # Last Name First Name M.I.

Field Training Officer Emp # Last Name First Name M.I.

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Suspect Information

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: James	First Name: Jeremy	M.I.: A
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: M Race: B	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip [redacted]
Work Phone:	Ho[redacted]	Social Secu[redacted]	Driver's Licens[redacted]
Age: 21 D.O.B. 03/01/1994	Height: 5' 08" Weight: 185	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # 4570236	Primary Charge: 211 P.C.	Secondary Charge: 664/211 P.C.	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
01/12/2016	2115	01/07/2019	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Mannion	Patrick	J.
[redacted]	Knight	Todd	M.
[redacted]	Carrizosa	Slade	

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S	E#1	FO	ZZ	WW			NN	
S	E#2	FO	ZZ	WW			NN	
E#1	S	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	CH/HD
E#2	S	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	CH/HD

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Injured**

IAB FILE #: **SH 2393284**

URN #: **016-00618-1121-055**

DATE/TIME: **January 12, 2016 / 1745 hours**

LOCATION: **[redacted] West Avenue H-14, Lancaster**

SUMMARY

On January 12, 2016, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team, comprised of Sergeants Patrick Mannion, #[redacted] Todd Knight, #[redacted] and Lieutenant Slade Carrizosa, #[redacted] responded to Lancaster Station regarding an on-duty deputy involved hit shooting. Jeremy James (hereafter referred to as Suspect James) sustained four (4) gunshot wounds. He was subsequently transported to Antelope Valley Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries. The involved detectives were not injured during the incident. On September 19, 2017, this case was reassigned to Sergeant Amber Veatch.

Homicide Investigators Eddie Brown, #[redacted], and Toni Martinez, #[redacted] under the supervision of Lieutenant Victor Lewandowski, #[redacted] from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the shooting investigation. For further information regarding the shooting investigation refer to the Homicide Bureau casebook under URN #016-00618-1121-055 **[Exhibit A]**.

SYNOPSIS

A string of four robberies began on November 27, 2015, and continued through January 5, 2016, in the City of Lancaster. On January 12, 2016, Lancaster Station's Robbery Suppression Team, who had been investigating these robberies, arranged a meeting with a potential suspect to "buy" a car advertised for sale on Craigslist. The Robbery Suppression Team had previously identified two (2) potential suspects, neither of which was identified as Suspect Jeremy James.

On January 12, 2016, Detectives [redacted] and Christopher Keeling were assigned to Operation Safe Streets Bureau (OSS), and were tasked to assist in surveillance and providing cover to the Robbery Suppression Team's operation. As part of the operation, the detectives were both dressed in plain clothes, working in a plain clothes capacity. Detective [redacted] was the driver of an approved Los Angeles County undercover sport utility vehicle, a Nissan Pathfinder, and Detective Keeling was seated in the front passenger seat.

After conducting surveillance at one location, for approximately one (1) hour, the detectives were directed to move to another location. Detective [redacted] drove to a second containment location on West Avenue H-14, and parked facing east on the south curb, just [redacted] of 11th Street West. Detective [redacted] turned the engine off, and the windows of the Pathfinder were closed. Shortly after dusk, Detectives [redacted] and Keeling saw an individual they had seen earlier walking near their first containment location, now walking westbound in their direction. This individual was later identified to be Suspect James. Suspect James was wearing a gray "hoody" and as he approached the Pathfinder from the front, Detective Keeling noted to Detective [redacted] that Suspect James had a bulky object in his center sweatshirt pocket. Due to the high crime area they were in, both detective's removed their service weapons from their pancake holsters and placed them on their laps. Suspect James walked past the Pathfinder on the passenger side, to the rear. The detectives did not make eye contact with Suspect James. Several seconds later, Detective Keeling observed Suspect James standing at the front driver side window of the Pathfinder, and directed Detective [redacted] attention to Suspect James.

Detective [redacted] saw Suspect James pointing a black semiautomatic handgun at him with the barrel inches away from the glass. Neither detective heard Suspect James make any statements. Detective Keeling yelled, "417! Gun! Gun!"

The lower portion of the suspect's face was concealed by a piece of black colored shirt used as a mask. Fearing for their lives, both detectives simultaneously fired several rounds at the suspect through the closed driver's window, shattering the window and striking the suspect.

After the shooting stopped, Detective Keeling immediately exited his passenger side door and momentarily lost sight of Suspect James. Detective Keeling saw that Suspect James was not down on the ground, looked up and saw Suspect James running westbound. Detective [redacted] panicked and was unable to open the driver side door of the Pathfinder in the immediate aftermath of the shooting. Unaware of Suspect James' location, and still concerned for his safety, Detective [redacted] crawled out via passenger side of the car.

Detective Keeling broadcasted over the radio that shots were fired and of Suspect James' last seen direction of travel. Both detectives saw what they believed to be a semiautomatic firearm on the concrete just north of the Pathfinder, several feet from the driver side window.

The suspect ran westbound on West Avenue H-14 and northbound on Kingtree Avenue. Suspect James ran into a rear yard of a residence and was located by responding deputies in a rear yard at [redacted] Lancaster.

Suspect James sustained several gunshot wounds to his right forearm, right hand, and upper chest area. Responding Deputies Norman #[redacted] Nelson #[redacted] Ruppert #[redacted] and Markman #[redacted] observed the suspect was in medical distress and provided emergency first aid until paramedics arrived on scene. Suspect James was transported to Antelope Valley Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries.

The suspect's weapon, a Crossman CO2 powered 6MM BB pistol, model Airmag C11, was recovered at the scene. Detective Keeling fired six (6) rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Smith & Wesson, M&P 9mm semiautomatic handgun. Detective [redacted] fired seven (7) rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from a Department issued Smith & Wesson, M&P 9mm semiautomatic handgun.

Refer to photographs to see the layout of area where this incident occurred **[Exhibit B, Disk #1]**.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the shooting of Suspect James by Detectives Keeling and [redacted] In their letter of opinion, dated March 29, 2018, JSID concluded Detectives Keeling and [redacted] acted in lawful self-defense **[Exhibit C]**.

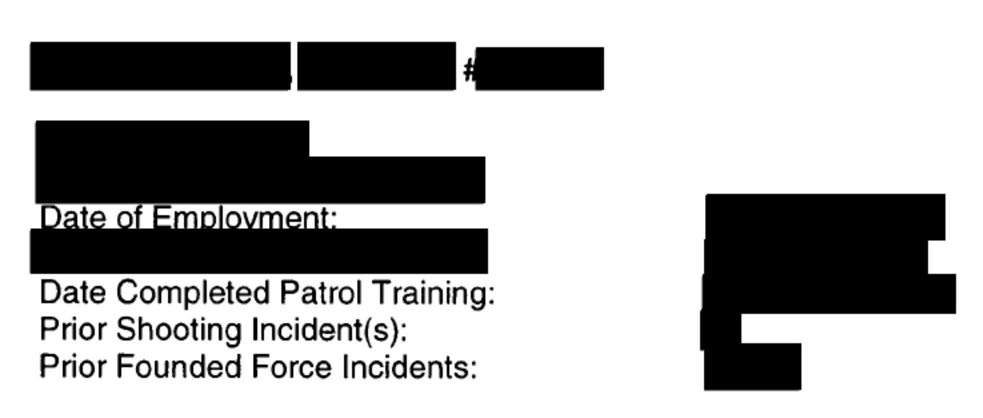
INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND WORK HISTORY

Christopher Keeling, Detective, #[redacted]

Detective Division	
Operation Safe Streets Bureau	
Date of Employment:	June 29, 1989
Date Assigned to OSS Bureau:	April 01, 2005
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Equipment Worn on Person

On January 12, 2016, Detective Keeling was wearing plain clothes without a protective vest. He was wearing a pancake holster which housed his Smith & Wesson M&P, 9mm firearm.



[redacted] [redacted] #[redacted]

[redacted]

Date of Employment: [redacted]

[redacted]

Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]

Prior Shooting Incident(s): [redacted]

Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

Equipment Worn on Person

On January 12, 2016, Detective [redacted] was wearing plain clothes without a protective vest. He was wearing a pancake holster which housed his Smith & Wesson M&P, 9mm firearm.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Jeremy Anthony James – Male, Black, DOB: 03/01/1994, 5-08, 185 lbs.
[redacted]
CII #[redacted] FBI #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) revealed Suspect James had [redacted] Suspect [redacted] Consolidated Criminal History Report was submitted as **Exhibit D.**

SUSPECT INJURIES

Suspect James sustained four gunshot wounds. Three (3) gunshots to his chest area and one (1) gunshot to his right forearm. He was treated at Antelope Valley Medical Center by Doctor R. Lemus then transferred to Los Angeles County / USC on February 05, 2016 for further treatment while in custody.

> **IAB Note: Suspect James' medical records were not obtained from Antelope Valley Medical Center by Homicide Detectives. IAB investigators requested Suspect James to give consent to release his medical records; however, Suspect James refused [Miscellaneous Documents]. IAB investigators were able to retrieve Suspect James' medical records while he was in custody from LCMC [Miscellaneous Documents].**

DETECTIVE PERSONNEL INJURIES

No injuries were reported.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 92-96]**. Also see scene photographs of the evidence **[Exhibit B, Disk #1]**.

INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Bureau Investigators Mark Lillienfeld, #[redacted] and Francis Hardiman, #[redacted] and documented with photographs. The scene description covered the entire incident and shooting location.

Forensic Identification Specialist Deputy Ivan Chavez #[redacted] assisted Homicide Bureau investigators with the processing of the crime scene. For details, see the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 40-46]**. The scene was also photographed and sketched by the Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau. Included as a permanent record within the IAB casebook are compact discs containing scene investigation photographs **[Exhibit B, Disk #1]**. See crime scene sketch and evidence collected **[Exhibit E]**.

WEAPON USED BY DETECTIVE KEELING

Detective Keeling fired six (6) rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued M&P Smith & Wesson semiautomatic pistol, serial number HA[redacted] The firearm was examined by Homicide Investigators Brown and Martinez. They later released custody of the firearm to Forensic Identification Specialist Deputy Chavez #[redacted] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau Crime Lab, who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for further examination. Detective Keeling's weapon was found to be functional. See Scientific Services Bureau's Laboratory Examination Report **[Exhibit E]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]

> **IAB Note: Detective personnel are required to qualify every trimester. A copy of Detective Keeling's complete training records, including range qualification scores and dates, were included as a permanent record within this IAB casebook [Miscellaneous Documents].**

WEAPON USED BY DETECTIVE [redacted]

Detective [redacted] fired seven (7) rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued M&P Smith & Wesson semiautomatic pistol, serial number #HR[redacted] The firearm was examined by Homicide Investigators Brown and Martinez.

They later released custody of the firearm to Forensic Identification Specialist Deputy Chavez #[redacted] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau Crime Lab, who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for further examination. Detective [redacted] weapon was found to be functional. See Scientific Services Bureau's Laboratory Examination Report **[Exhibit E].**

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WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT JAMES

Suspect James was armed with a Crossman model, Airmag C11, 6mm BB Co2 airsoft pistol, no magazine or Co2 cartridge and it was not loaded with BB's. See Scientific Services Bureau Crime Scene Investigation Report **[Exhibit E]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

A vehicle (white 2011 Kia Sedona, CA License plate [redacted] parked [redacted] the street, located at [redacted] Lancaster, sustained damage from one bullet strike. The bullet strike mark was in the front windshield, just left of the steering wheel. The property damage is described in **Exhibit A, pages 41-42**. Refer to crime scene photographs **Exhibit B, Disk #1**.

The Los Angeles County, silver 1997 Nissan Pathfinder, CA license plate, 6TIF929, sustained two (2) bullet strikes to the driver side-view mirror and the driver's side window was shattered by multiple bullet strikes. Refer to crime lab sketch of the vehicle's damage in **Exhibit E.**

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident took place at dusk on a clear day, at approximately 1745 hours.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed Sheriff's Communications Center's (SCC) radio traffic associated with the incident **[Exhibit F]**. The following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

LANCASTER A-TAC 3 & DISPATCH 15

IAB Note: Prior to the shooting, field units were transmitting over the direct frequency at the request of Aero, due to the poor radio quality, which is not digitally recorded.

13:34 – "Hey I.D.! Who's shooting?"

13:44 – "Aero move in! Aero move in!"

13:51 – "Northbound Kingtree?"

13:57 – "H12 & Kingtree"

14:02 – SCC patched A-TAC 3 and the main Dispatch Channel 15 together. "A-TAC you have been patched in with Dispatch 15".

14:06 – 10-33 radio traffic by 811GS. Request for a containment set up. Advised that the suspect is running.

14:48 – Advised the suspect was last seen running eastbound from [redacted]

15:48 – Advised all deputies are accounted for.

17:52 – A suspect description is given. A male black wearing a mask.

18:30 – Suspect last seen running into a house just to the [redacted] of [redacted]

18:40 – Command Post set up.

19:31 – 811G3 holding the rear of [redacted]

20:55 – 811G3 advised he is detaining suspect at gunpoint.

21:25 – 811G3 advised they were taking the suspect into custody.

21:35 – 811B3 requested for Fire (902R).

22:12 – Advised the suspect is starting to become unresponsive.

25:40 – It was advised the fire department was on scene.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

Homicide detectives canvassed the scene and no video was discovered.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a summation of the actual interview(s). Additional information and the precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digital audio recordings and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by the involved Department personnel.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE CHRISTOPHER KEELING:

Homicide Bureau Interview

On January 12, 2016, Detective Christopher Keeling, was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Brown and Martinez. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 50-52]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

Homicide Bureau Round Count

On January 12, 2016, Homicide Investigators Brown and Martinez conducted a round count of Detective Keeling's firearm, Smith & Wesson M&P, serial number HAT[redacted] at Lancaster Sheriff's Station. The firearm contained a total of twelve (12) rounds, eleven (11) in the magazine and one (1) in the chamber. It appeared as though six (6) rounds were fired from his weapon.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On October 25, 2018, Detective Keeling was interviewed over the telephone by IAB Investigator, Sergeant Amber Veatch. As of [redacted] Detective Keeling officially [redacted] from the Department and moved out of state. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On January 12, 2016, Detective Keeling and his partner, Detective [redacted] were assigned to Operation Safe Streets Bureau (OSS). They maintained an office out of Lancaster Sheriff's Station. They held a flexible work schedule; however, they primarily worked ten (10) hour shifts, four (4) times per week. They generally began their work day around [redacted] hours and end their day around [redacted] hours. On January 12, 2016, they were approached by Lancaster Station Detectives to assist on an undercover operation.

Detective Keeling and his partner, Detective [redacted] attended a briefing of the operation by Lancaster Station Detectives. The operation was to be a plain clothes sting utilizing the online website "Craigslist" to apprehend robbery suspects. During the briefing, they were tasked with outer surveillance of the target location on the north end of Kingtree Avenue from West Avenue H-14. They were to be in plain clothes and to utilize an unmarked undercover vehicle for surveillance purposes only. OSS had an

undercover vehicle that was used frequently for undercover operations. It was a silver 1997 Nissan Pathfinder.

While parked, Detectives Keeling and [redacted] noticed a male black in gray clothing that caught their attention. The operation was working on radio frequency A-TAC 3. Detective Keeling was seated in the passenger seat of their undercover vehicle and utilized the vehicle's hard wired radio in the glove compartment. Detective Keeling broadcasted the suspicious male's description. It was determined the suspicious male did not match the description of the predetermined suspect's that the operation was looking for.

After approximately one (1) hour, Detectives [redacted] and Keeling were advised to move to another surveillance location, on West Avenue H-14, and parked facing east on the south curb, just [redacted] of 11th Street West. The vehicle was turned off and the tinted windows were rolled up. After approximately 10-15 minutes, Detective Keeling noticed the same male black wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt walking towards the vehicle. This time he noticed the male black had a heavy object in the "kangaroo" pouch of his hoodie. Fearing the object could be a weapon, Detective Keeling, who is left handed, removed his duty weapon from his pancake holster and placed it on his lap. Detective Keeling also did not want to encounter any distress retrieving his weapon from his holster in a seated position, due to the fact that Detective [redacted] was right handed and they could potentially attempt to retrieve their weapons simultaneously. Detective Keeling directed his partner, Detective [redacted] attention to the male black and Detective [redacted] also removed his duty weapon from his holster and also placed it on his lap.

The male black (later identified as Suspect James) continued walking westbound toward the front of the Pathfinder. Detective Keeling kept an eye on the suspect as he walked past the front passenger side of the vehicle, then to the rear of the vehicle. No eye contact was made. When the suspect approached the rear of the vehicle, Detective Keeling lost sight of the suspect. Within seconds, Detective Keeling looked to his left and saw the suspect standing at the driver side window with the lower portion of his face covered, pointing the muzzle of a firearm inches away from Detective [redacted] head. Fearing for their safety, Detective Keeling yelled, "417! Gun! Gun!"

With his duty weapon in hand, Detective Keeling stretched out his left arm across Detective [redacted] chest. Due to the close proximity, Detective Keeling had good sight alignment and acquisition of his target and began firing. Detective Keeling could hear other gun fire that was not his own. At the time, he was unsure if the other gun fire was coming from his partner or the suspect shooting. Detective Keeling fired six (6) rounds from his 9mm Smith & Wesson M&P.

After the shooting stopped, Detective Keeling lost sight of the suspect. He immediately exited the passenger side door. Detective Keeling cleared the back of the vehicle then slowly rounded the driver's side of the vehicle. He did not see the suspect; however, he could see what looked like a black semi-automatic handgun laying on the ground.

Detective Keeling returned to the vehicle to check on his partner, Detective [redacted] and broadcasted emergency radio traffic. Detective Keeling saw that his partner was out of the vehicle and the two (2) detectives began to check each other for bullet wounds. Once they each determined they were okay, Detective Keeling broadcasted emergency radio traffic. He then saw the suspect running westbound on H-13 and then northbound on Kingtree Avenue. He relayed this information via the radio. Sergeant Steve Owen, was the first supervisor on scene and told the two (2) detectives to stay at the vehicle.

Responding units (Deputies Esswein #[redacted] and Nelson #[redacted] saw the suspect run into a backyard. Responding units searched the backyard and found the suspect, who was bleeding profusely, and in and out of consciousness.

Detective Keeling said there was no time to speak to the suspect nor did the suspect speak to them. Detective Keeling said he did not see any civilian foot traffic, nor did he see any vehicle traffic prior to the shooting.

Detective Keeling remained at the undercover vehicle with his partner, Detective [redacted] and Sergeant Owen. He did not leave the shooting location nor did he go to the backyard where the suspect was apprehended.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE [redacted]

Homicide Bureau Interview

On January 12, 2016, Detective [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Brown and Martinez. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 48-50]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

Homicide Bureau Round Count

On January 12, 2016, Homicide Investigators Brown and Martinez conducted a round count of Detective [redacted] firearm, Smith & Wesson M&P, serial number HRK[redacted] at Lancaster Sheriff's Station. The firearm contained a total of eleven (11) rounds, ten (10) in the magazine and one in the chamber. It appeared as though seven (7) rounds were fired from his weapon.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On November 1, 2018, Detective [redacted] was interviewed by IAB investigators. The following is brief synopsis of the interview:

On January 12, 2016, Detective [redacted] was partnered with Detective Keeling and they were approached by Sergeant Steve Owen, to assist Lancaster Station LANCAP and Burglary/Robbery Team in a plain clothes & surveillance operation. The operation

was in regards to a suspect buying and selling vehicles utilizing "Craigslist." During a briefing of the operation, Detectives Keeling and [redacted] were assigned as a part of the surveillance team.

After briefing, Detectives [redacted] and Keeling put their equipment in their OSS assigned surveillance vehicle, a silver 1997 Nissan Pathfinder compact SUV. Detective [redacted] was the driver of the vehicle and Detective Keeling was the front passenger. The detectives were originally tasked to park their vehicle on the north end of Kingtree Avenue from H-14 (on the west side of Kingtree Avenue).

After approximately one hour at that location, Detective [redacted] and Keeling saw a male black wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt walking down the street who appeared to match the description of the named suspects in the operation. Detective Keeling utilized A-TAC 3 to advise the handling detective. It was determined the male black in the gray hooded sweatshirt was not someone of interest. Detective [redacted] and Keeling were then given a secondary location, on West Avenue H-14, just [redacted] of 11th Street West.

Detective [redacted] parked the vehicle, approximately 10-15 feet from a street light, on the south curb, facing east. After approximately ten (10) minutes, the same male black in a gray hooded sweatshirt (later identified as Suspect James) was walking from the east side of Avenue I to the west. The suspect's hands were by his sides, and Detective [redacted] could see the silhouette of a heavy object in the center pouch of the suspect's sweatshirt. This caused the detectives some uneasiness. They had a quick conversation about what they would do if something were to happen. Both detectives then retrieved their duty weapons from their pancake holsters and placed their guns on their respective laps.

Suspect James continued walking on the south side of the street onto a nearby grass easement near their vehicle, and walked beyond the right rear corner panel of the vehicle, where Detective [redacted] lost sight of him. When he looked forward again, Detective [redacted] saw a black semi-automatic handgun pointed at him, approximately a half inch from the driver's side window. It took Detective [redacted] a few seconds to register what he was actually seeing. Detective Keeling yelled, "He has a gun! 417!" Fearing for their lives, Detective [redacted] with slight alignment and acquisition, fired several rounds, striking the side window and the suspect. Detective [redacted] could hear Detective Keeling firing his weapon simultaneously.

The bullet strikes shattered the driver's side window, causing Detective [redacted] to lose sight of the suspect. Detective [redacted] primary concern was if the suspect were to reengage, he was confined inside the vehicle. He tried to open the latch on the driver's side door but it would not open and he began to panic. He saw that Detective Keeling had already exited the vehicle and the passenger side door was open. Detective [redacted] crawled across the center console and quickly exited the vehicle through the passenger door.

Detectives [redacted] and Keeling met at the rear of the vehicle where they checked each other for injuries. Neither detective appeared to be injured. Detective Keeling told Detective [redacted] he had last seen the suspect running north of their vehicle. Detective Keeling returned to the vehicle's glove box, where the radio was located, and he transmitted emergent radio traffic. Detective [redacted] walked to the driver's side of the vehicle and saw what he believed to be a black semi-automatic handgun laying on the ground next to the vehicle.

Sergeant Steve Owen was the first supervisor on scene and advised the detectives to stay with him at the vehicle. Responding units set up a containment and located the suspect inside the backyard of a residence. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident. Sergeant Owen escorted the detectives back to the station where they were sequestered until they were interviewed by Homicide investigators.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

No civilian witnesses to shooting.

SUSPECT STATEMENTS

SUSPECT JEREMY JAMES:

Homicide Bureau

Homicide Bureau Investigator Brown conducted an interview with Suspect James at Antelope Valley Medical Center on January 28, 2016 **[Exhibit A, pages 53-54]**. Suspect James told Homicide investigators he tried to steal from deputies. He said he was armed with a BB gun and intended to rob the deputies. He walked up to the driver's side door and pointed the gun at them. The deputies immediately began to shoot at him. He dropped the BB gun and ran into a backyard where he was later detained by responding deputies. Suspect James did not know they were deputies at the time he tried to rob them.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

IAB investigator, Sergeant Amber Veatch, conducted a telephonic interview with Suspect James on October 09, 2018. Suspect James grew up in the neighborhood where the incident occurred and was familiar with the vehicles that frequented the area. On January 16, 2016, Suspect James was walking to his [redacted] house, on Kingtree Avenue, in the City of Lancaster and he did not recognize a vehicle (Pathfinder) that was parked on the street. As he approached the vehicle, he noticed two figures sitting in the vehicle. He walked past the driver's side in the middle of the street, reached the back of the vehicle, turned around and walked back toward the driver's side door.

Suspect James produced a replica handgun and pointed the replica handgun at the driver's side window. He was within inches of the driver's side window. Suspect James

intention was to rob the two individuals in the vehicle. As soon as Suspect James produced the replica handgun, the two individuals in the vehicle began to shoot at him. No words were exchanged.

Suspect James was shot four times, three gunshot wounds to his chest area, and one gunshot wound to his right forearm. He dropped his weapon and ran away. Suspect James did not fire any projectile from the replica handgun. He hopped fences and trash cans. He came to rest in a nearby backyard. Suspect James lost a lot blood and lost consciousness. Suspect James was in a coma for approximately two weeks.

Suspect James had no idea the two individuals in the vehicle were detectives in plain clothes.

Suspect James was charged in case number MA067818 with three (3) counts of robbery stemming from two (2) separate incidents, and two (2) counts of attempted robbery against Detectives Keeling and [redacted] Suspect James pled guilty to two (2) counts of robbery and was sentenced to five (5) years in state prison. As part of the plea agreement, the attempted robbery counts were dismissed. Suspect James is currently serving his sentence at the California City State Prison.

Additional Information

Aero Bureau was present during the duration of the plain clothes operation. Just prior to the shooting, the handling detectives were in communication via text message with the suspect. The detectives thought the suspect was close to the area and they asked the aero unit to increase altitude so as not to scare off the suspect. Therefore, the aero unit was not overhead at the time of the shooting.

Lancaster Field Sergeant Troy Bowser #[redacted] video recorded responding deputies performing life saving measures on the suspect however, the video could not be located.